

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015

President Fraim called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. with the following members present: Ms. Johnson, Mr. Riddick, Mr. Smigiel, Dr. Whibley, and Mr. Winn. Mr. Protogyrou and Ms. Williams were absent.

The City Manager offered an overview of the work session agenda.

COUNCIL INTERESTS

1. Councilman Winn asked the City Manager to communicate with the citizens that live in the Belvedere neighborhood about the proposed dredging.
2. Councilman Winn asked for an update on the small business incubator space.
3. With regard to the Reviving Baseball In Inner Cities (RBI) Program: a) Councilman Riddick asked for a schedule for the 2015 season, b) Councilwoman Johnson asked that adequate time be given for homework, studying and tutoring as needed, c) Councilman Smigiel asked if the lights at Ocean View Elementary can be re-used at other locations, and d) Councilman Riddick asked that there be an equal number of sporting opportunities for girls.
4. With regard to the General Assembly Recap, Mayor Fraim asked that Council be provided with a brief written history of House Bill 599.
5. Mayor Fraim asked for an update on the Harbor Park boxing facility.

100 RESILIENT CITIES UPDATE AND HUD NATIONAL DISASTER RESILIENCE COMPETITION

Christine Morris, Chief Resilience Officer reported on the city's resiliency efforts. She noted areas of focus include: 1) coastal resilience; 2) economic resilience; and 3) neighborhood resilience.

State Secretary of Commerce Maurice Jones reported on a HUD grant the state is applying for to pilot resilient strategy in Hampton Roads.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECAP

Bryan Pennington reported on the outcome of the 2015 General Assembly session. He addressed results on Norfolk's legislative request and priorities in the following areas:

- 1) Enhanced school accreditation and teacher/student performance support.
- 2) Enhanced recurrent flooding and sea level rise support.
- 3) Improved public transportation and mobility.
- 4) Local/Regional economic diversification.
- 5) Hold harmless from additional State funding cuts.
- 6) Greater partnership/support for veterans and homelessness.

REVIVING BASEBALL INNER CITIES (RBI) PROGRAM

Darrell Crittendon, Director of Recreation, Parks and Open Space, reported on this item in response to a request from Councilman Riddick.

He noted youth recreational sports continue to grow in popularity, reviewed the elements of the RBI program and singled out its partners as the police athletic league, Norfolk State University and the Norfolk Tides. The grant funding is \$22,000 and will be used to expand the RBI program.

TALBOT HALL

Bernard Pishko, City Attorney, gave a brief history of the rezoning and ensuing referendum for repeal. He stated that the preservationists have requested that Council not take any action tonight and to continue the docketed ordinances to the March 24th meeting. Mr. Dashiell, on behalf of the homeowners, relayed that they concur with the request for a continuance. Mayor Fraim noted that representatives for the petitioners and the Diocese were also present.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion for closed session was approved for purposes which are set out in **Clause (s) 3 of subsection (A) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act**, as amended:

- (3) Discussion of the acquisition of real property for public purpose in the area of Poplar Hall.

Yes: Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Whibley, Winn and Frain.

No: None.

Absent: Protogyrou and Williams.